

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to rescind Chapter 299, "Administrative and Regulatory Authority for the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology Examiners," to amend Chapter 300, "Licensure of Speech Pathologists and Audiologists," Chapter 303, "Continuing Education for Speech Pathologists and Audiologists," and Chapter 304, "Discipline for Speech Pathologists and Audiologists," and to rescind Chapter 305, "Fees," Iowa Administrative Code.

These proposed amendments update requirements for applicants applying for temporary licensure as speech pathologists and audiologists; add clarity regarding supervisory requirements for temporary audiology licensure; stipulate that a supervisor for an audiologist with a temporary license must be on site and define "on site"; rescind rule 645—304.5(147), which pertains to orders for a mental, physical or clinical competency examination or alcohol or drug screening, because that subject is now addressed in the Division's common chapter on discipline; and rescind two chapters that have been included in the common chapters for the Division. Additionally, the proposed amendments update references to the name of the Board in response to 2007 Iowa Acts, Senate File 74, which renames health-related examining boards as licensing boards.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments no later than November 12, 2008, addressed to Judy Manning, Professional Licensure Division, Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075; E-mail jmanning@idph.state.ia.us.

A public hearing will be held on November 12, 2008, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room, Lucas State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 21, 147, and 272C and 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2338, sections 71 to 76.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **645—Chapter 299**.

ITEM 2. Strike "board of speech pathology and audiology examiners" wherever it appears in **645—Chapter 300, Chapter 303 and Chapter 304** and insert "board of speech pathology and audiology" in lieu thereof:

ITEM 3. Adopt the following new definition in rule **645—300.1(147)**:

"On site" means:

1. To be continuously on site and present in the department or facility where services are being provided;
2. To be immediately available to assist the person being supervised in the services being performed; and
3. To provide continued direction of appropriate aspects of each treatment session in which a component of treatment is delegated.

ITEM 4. Amend subrule 300.3(4) as follows:

300.3(4) The application shall include:

~~a. Official copies~~ An official copy of the a current American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) certificate of clinical competence; or

b. Submission of the following:

(1) Official copies of academic transcripts sent directly from the school to the board showing proof of possession of a master's degree in speech pathology or a master's or doctoral degree in audiology or the equivalent of one of these degrees and official verification of completion of not less than ~~300~~ 400 hours of supervised clinical training;

(2) and (3) No change.

ITEM 5. Amend subrule 300.4(1) as follows:

300.4(1) The applicant shall possess the following:

a. A master's degree ~~or its equivalent~~ from an accredited school, college or university with a major in speech pathology; or

b. A master's or doctoral degree ~~or the equivalent~~ from an accredited school, college or university with a major in audiology.

ITEM 6. Amend rule 645—300.6(147) as follows:

645—300.6(147) Temporary clinical license. A temporary clinical license for the purpose of obtaining clinical experience as a prerequisite for licensure is valid for one year and may be renewed ~~one time~~ at the discretion of the board.

300.6(1) ~~An A speech pathology~~ applicant must submit the following to the board:

a. Evidence of supervision by a speech pathologist ~~or audiologist~~ with an active, current Iowa license in good standing;

b. An official application form provided by the board ~~of speech pathology and audiology examiners~~ and completed by the applicant;

c. ~~Official copies of transcripts~~ An official copy of the transcript, sent directly from the school to the board, showing proof of possession of a master's degree ~~or its equivalent in speech pathology~~;

d. Official verification of completion of not less than ~~300~~ 400 hours of supervised clinical training in an accredited college or university; ~~and~~

e. The temporary clinical license fee; and

f. Results of the National Teacher Examination.

300.6(2) An audiology applicant or an applicant completing a doctoral externship must submit the following to the board:

a. Evidence of supervision by an audiologist with an active, current Iowa license in good standing. The applicant completing an audiology doctoral externship must show evidence of on-site supervision;

b. An official application form provided by the board and completed by the applicant;

c. An official copy of the transcript, sent directly from the school to the board, showing proof of possession of a master's degree in audiology;

d. Official verification of completion of not less than 400 hours of supervised clinical training in an accredited college or university;

e. The temporary clinical license fee; and

f. Results of the National Teacher Examination.

~~300.6(2)~~ **300.6(3)** The plan for supervised clinical experience must be approved by the board before the applicant starts practice and shall:

a. to d. No change.

ITEM 7. Amend rule 645—300.9(147) as follows:

645—300.9(147) Licensure by endorsement. An applicant who has been a licensed speech pathologist or audiologist under the laws of another jurisdiction shall file an application for licensure by endorsement with the board office. The board may receive by endorsement any applicant from the District of Columbia or another state, territory, province or foreign country who:

1. and 2. No change.

3. Shows evidence of ~~an~~ a current ASHA certificate or at least nine months of full-time clinical experience or its equivalent;

4. to 6. No change.

ITEM 8. Rescind and reserve rule **645—304.5(147)**.

ITEM 9. Rescind and reserve **645—Chapter 305**.